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Bachelor's Hope
Manor School Road
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The two-story brick central block of Bachelor's Hope has a jerkinhead roof, and contains one large ground-floor room. Flanking the building at each side are one-story, two-room brick wings with single-hip roofs. The principal facade (south) of the central block has a one-story inset loggia with tapered columns and a frieze decorated with rosettes and triglyphs. The interior walls of the portico and the round columns are plastered and painted white with Spanish brown trim. Between the columns there is an arched fascia with applied keystone. A large rectangular brownstone step leads onto the brick porch. The central bay has paneled double doors. A door on each end of the portico gives access to the south rooms. The main stair, ascended from the east wing, has part of its underside and south wall exposed within the loggia as it passes over the facade wall at first floor level. An originally detached 1 1/2-story frame kitchen was later joined to the east side of the main house by a one-story frame hyphen. Flemish bond is used on the north and south facades, the south facade having glazed headers laid in a regular pattern; English bond is used elsewhere. A quarter-round molded watertable extends around the outside wall of the house. Jack arches above the 9/9 sash windows make use of alternate glazed headers. Closers are not found with any uniformity. One large exterior chimney is located at each side of the jerkinhead roof of the main block. The floor plan of Bachelor's Hope is unusual. The central block has a portico and great hall. The one-story

west wing has two rooms, each with a corner fireplace. The one-story east wing has two rooms, each with a fireplace on the west wall. Between the southeast room and the portico the steep staircase ascends on the exterior to two oddly shaped bedrooms and one bath. The west wall of the "Great" hall is paneled fully to the ceiling with raised panels, and arched cabinets flank the fireplace. The bolection chair rail is original, but the paneled mantel and dado were installed in the late 20th century. Both of the west rooms have paneled over-mantels, the north room with an ogee scalloped trim above the fireplace opening. The east rooms have Federal mantels.

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BACHELOR'S HOPE
Chaptico
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second half 18th century

Noted for its architecture, Bachelor's Hope is today one of the most unusual 18th century structures in Southern Maryland.

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Bachelor's Hope stands on land once owned by Thomas Gerrard, to whom it was granted in 1651. In 1667 the land was conveyed by him to Thomas Notley, Maryland's eighth propietary governor.

The existing house was probably built by William Hammersley between 1753 and 1790.

Also see archeological listing.

This property has been included on the National Register of Historic Places, United States Department of the Interior.

#### ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

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BACHELOR'S HOPE
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This land, granted to Thomas Gerrard in 1651, probably contains a 17th century house site.

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On the east end of the brick structure, there is a one-and-a-half story frame wing dating from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The floor plan of Bachelor's Hope is unusual, being rectangular and similar to Bohemia, Cecil County, with a portico in place of the Bohemia stair hall. The central block has a portico and great hall; the one-story west wing has two rooms, each with a corner fireplace. The one-story east wing has two rooms, each room with a fireplace on the west wall. Between the dining room (southeast room) and the SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

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#### Bachelor's Hope

#### #7. DESCRIPTION continued

portico the steep staircase ascends on the exterior to the second story to two oddly-shaped bedrooms and one bath.

The west wall of the "Great" hall is paneled fully to the ceiling with raised panels; and arched cabinets flank the fireplace. Double doors on the north and south sides of the room are flanked by a window on each side of each set of doors. A paneled dado was installed around the other walls by the present (1971) owners. An original bolection chair rail is in place on the paneled wall and a five-piece cornice extends around the room. The paneled mantel is a replacement by the present (1971) owners. The floors throughout the house are modern, prefinished with "Bruce" oak flooring.

Both of the west rooms have paneled over-mantels, the north room with an ogee scolloped trim above the fireplace opening. There is a two-piece cornice in both of the west rooms, but no chair rail. The one-piece window trim has an ogee molding on the inner edge of the frame.

The east rooms have Federal mantels and the cornice appears to be of twentieth century origin. Flanking the dining room fireplace are two doors, one to the stair, the other to a closet.

The east wing contains modern conveniences: pantry, \*kitchen laundry, two bedrooms and bath. A large kitchen fireplace has been closed off behind modern, vertical-board paneling.

The house stands in the center of an operating farm. The grounds surrounding the house are well maintained with an allée of cedar trees to the public road and an informal flower garden on the north side of the house.

Bachelor's Hope stands on a high plateau, looking south onto an approach drive lined by native cedars and across the public road towards an open field. The 252 acres designated permits an appropriate vista from the house across the plateau of cultivated fields to a protective screen of woodlands sloping into the ravines in each direction.

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Extant documents have provided no determination of the identity of the builder of this architecturally unusual house, although the choice is limited to one of two men. William Hammersley, c. 1723-1790, owned the land from the mid-eighteenth century until his death. He most probably lived in the house on Bachelor's Hope. In 1789 Hammersley appears in the records of the Chancery Court in proceedings to have his brother declared a lunatic. He testified with his wife, Jane Hammersley, in a boundary dispute between two of his neighbors. He served on the commission appointed, in 1786, in order to assess the value of property in St. Mary's County.

The previous owner of the land prior to Hammersley was Joshua Doyne, c. 1688-1743, son of Joshua Doyne (?-1698), Sheriff of St. Mary's County. The elder Doyne immigrated to Maryland in the 1670's. He held a position of prominence Doyne was an associate of in seventeenth-century Maryland. the third Lord Baltimore who granted Doyne the patent on Bachelor's Hope, a part of the Proprietary lands, Basford Doyne had a house on Bachelor's Hope comprised of Manor. a hall, back room, each with a room above, and a room for Madame Doyne, his wife, as described in the 1698 inventory of Doyne's estate, but it does not appear to be the present (1971) Bachelor's Hope.

Joshua Doyne willed Bachelor's Hope to his son Joshua Doyne, giving his wife a life interest in the property. younger Doyne may have continued living in his father's house or he could have built a dwelling for his family. He died in 1743 leaving an inventory of "old" goods, and debts that exceeded the value of his modest personal estate.

The first documentation of Bachelor's Hope house appears in the 1798 tax assessment: "a brick mansion house" two stories tall measuring twenty-two by thirty-two feet with a one-story wing at each end, thirty-two by sixteen feet. The house had (and has) twelve windows, two-and-one-half by six feet and six windows, two-and-one-fourth by five feet. Later additions have replaced the sixteen-foot square kitchen and

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#### Bachelor's Hope

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From the view point of restoration, one of the most interesting periods in the history of Bachelor's Hope is the midtwentieth century. Colonel and Mrs. Walter L. Simpson bought the house and began the restoration which has required twenty years. The Simpson's painstaking efforts to restore Bachelor's Hope constitute one of the earlier examples of private concern for the preservation of America's architectural heritage.

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Form 10-445 (5/62) I. STATE Maryland
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TOWN near Hurry VICINITY
STREET NO.

ORIGINAL OWNER Thomas Notley

ORIGINAL USE home
PRESENT OWNER Col. & Mrs. Walter Simpson

PRESENT USE residence

wall construction Flemish Bond brick no. of stories 2 Kitchen wing frame

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME Batchelor's Hope

DATE OR PERIOD **c** 1668 STYLE **colonial** ARCHITECT

BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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Main building, brick, Flemish Bond; Kitchen Wing - frame; overall length 90 feet, width, approximately 32'. Interesting feature is the similarity between Bachelor's Hope and Tudor Hall, in Leonardtown, before Tudor Hall was extensively altered in the 1800s.

Main part contains 5 rooms on first floor, 2 rooms, small hall & bath on second floor. Kitchen wing contains 2 rooms on second floor, 1 room (one time pantry), kitchen, 2 halls and bath on first floor. Chronology:

1650-51 March 24 1500 acres (Bashford Manor) granted to Thomas Gerrard for transporting 8 able bodied men servants in year before 1648.

1667 Arril 10. Thomas Gerrard to Thomas Notley, 300 acres more or less of Bashford Manor, known as Batchelor's Hope, for 6500 pounds of tobacco. Records mention Notley as a "Merchant from the Barbados". He was also a Provisional Governor during one of Lord Baltimore's visits to England. Notley was a bachelor. Records also mention that Benjamin Rozer (or Rozier) and his wife, the former Ann Sewall, stepdaughter of Charles Calvert, the third Lord Baltimore, lived at Bachelor's Hope. Their son, Notley Rozer, godson of Thomas Notley, inherited Cerne Abbey Manor in Charles County by will from Thomas Notley.

1679 April 23 Thomas Notley's will published, devising Batchelor's hope to His Lordship, Charles Calvert, and Benjamin Rozer.

1683 March 3 Joshua Doyne acquired by patent from Lord Baltimore Bachelors Hope and Notley's Addition. Lord Baltimore had previously acquired by purchase Rozer's interest in both tracts.

1697/98 Joshua Doyne's will devises Batchelor's Hope to wife Jane during her natural life and then to son Joshua.

1707 Rent Rolls show Jane Doyne, possessor

continued

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered

Interior excellent

Exterior excellent

See Historical Map of St. Mary's County

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6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

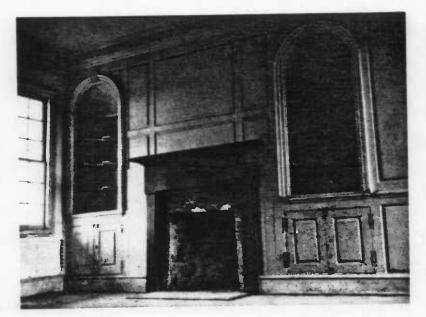
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#### **BACHELOR'S HOPE**

Before 1679\*

Dr. Thomas Gerrard had Basford Manor, 1500 acres, surveyed for him in 1650. He later sold it to Gov. Thomas Notley, who in 1678 laid off 300 acres of the Manor as the "Manor Lodge", and named it "Bachelor's Hope", and placed it in the possession of Col. William Rozer. Rozer was the husband of Ann Sewall, stepdaughter of Lord Baltimore.

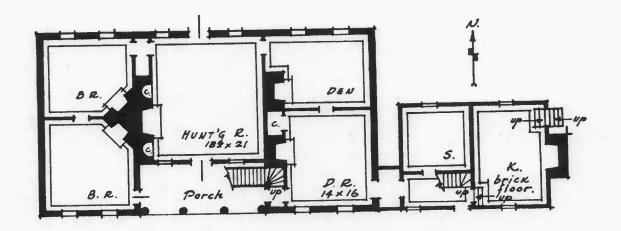
The hunting lodge was built for those who liked bedrooms downstairs. Carved end-boards to the cornices, a frieze of alternate rosettes and triglyphs, a quarter round base, and glazed flemish bond distinguish the approach front. The Hunting Room mantel and cupboard doors have vanished. The main stairs extend partly on the outside of the lodge.

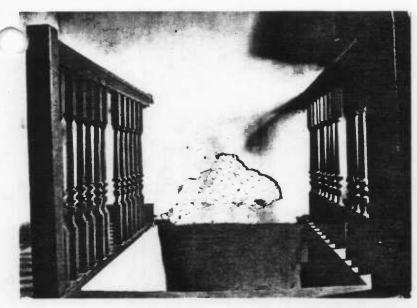
Views: From South; and Hunting Room panelling.

Dimensions:

Overall, main wing, 56-5 by 31-2. Grade to floor, 24. Ceiling, 10-8.

\* See Corrections Sheet, 5.





The balusters at BACHELOR'S HOPE have spiral markings, and line both sides of a small narrow stairway, leading to the two bedrooms on the second floor.

Detail of the inset portico of BACHE-DR'S HOPE showing rosettes and triglyphs in the frieze, and the main stairs that run out-of-doors.



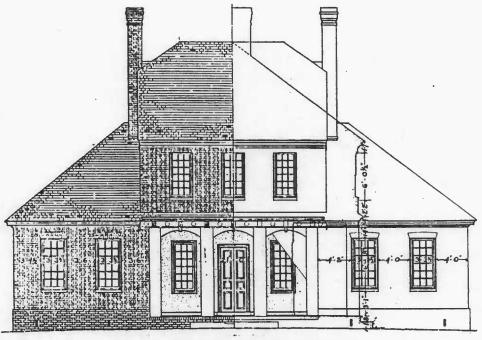


CLOCKER'S FANCY which probably dates from the middle of the Seventeenth Century has brick gable-ends and frame clapboarded sides. Two types of chimneys are visible. This was the home of Daniel Clocker.

Another house was probably built at St. Inigoes Manor in the early 18th century. The Chapel in St. Mary's City was closed in 1704 under the Protestant "Act to prevent the Growth of Popery" and local tradition has it that the bricks were removed to St. Inigoes Manor (Hammett 1977:39; Beitzell 1976). This tradition also maintains that the house at Priest's Point was constructed from the 'chapel' bricks soon after this time.

However, recent evaluation of the historic record in conjunction with archeoligical data suggests that an early 18th century house was located at the 'old chapel field' and that a third house was later constructed at Priest's Point (Smolek et al 1983:50). In the 1930's the Jesuits partially excavated a large brick foundation (25 feet X 40 feet) after several whole bricks were plowed up by tenant farmer Linwood Trossbach in the 'old chapel field'. A sample brick from this foundation measured 10 inches X 4 inches X 3 inches (Anonymous) which fits within the conjectured range of brick measurements for the St. Mary's City Chapel bricks (Garry W. Stone, personal communication). Garry Stone has identified a sample of brick from the 'old chapel field' as being the same type brick found at the site of the chapel in St. Mary's City. The presence of a domestic site in this location was substantiated by an archeological survey during the summer of 1981. The St. Mary's City Commission field school noted an approximately 20 feet X 40 feet rectangular disturbance in the 'old chapel field'. Artifacts collected from this site, 18 ST 330, indicated that there had been an early to mid-18th century occupation at this location (Smolek et al 1983). From this evidence it has been suggested that a house was built with the St. Mary's City Chapel bricks about 1705 in the 'old chapel field' and that the Priest's Point Manor House was constructed at a different time.

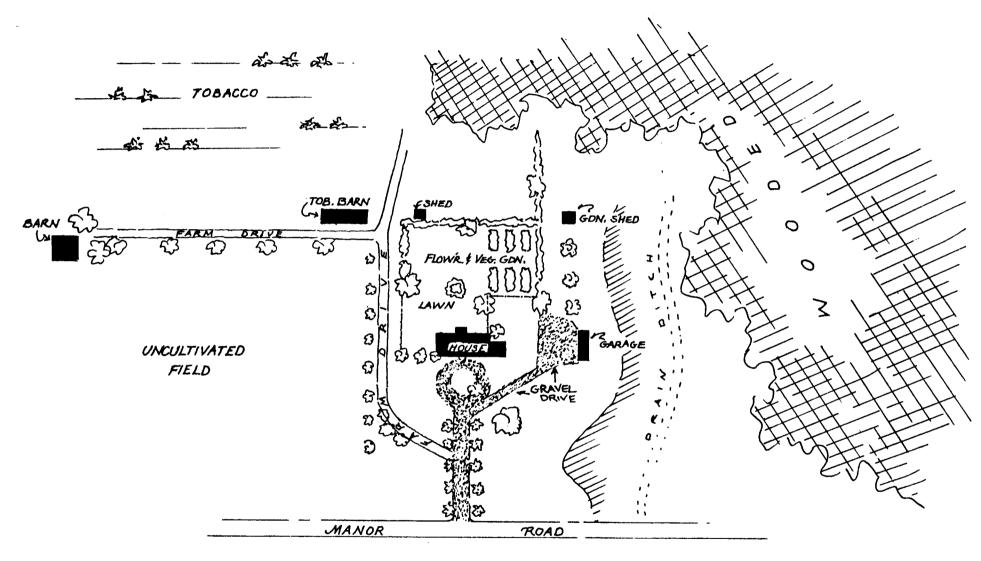
A mid-18th century construction date for the St. Inigoes Manor House (18 ST 87) is suggested by archeology, architectural style, and documentary records. In 1982 Smolek (et al 1983:50) found no artifacts dating from earlier than 1760 in his investigations of the eastern side of the Manor House site. A similarity in architectural style to Bachelor's Hope, a mid-18th century mansion in northern St. Mary's County, also supports this hypothesis (Figure 2). Occumentary evidence suggests a construction date for Bachelor's Hope between 1743 and 1798 while an examination of the architectural style suggests a date from sometime between 1740 and 1760 (Smolek et al 1983:58).



FRONT ELEVATION, "BACHELOR'S HOPE," CHAPTICO BAY,
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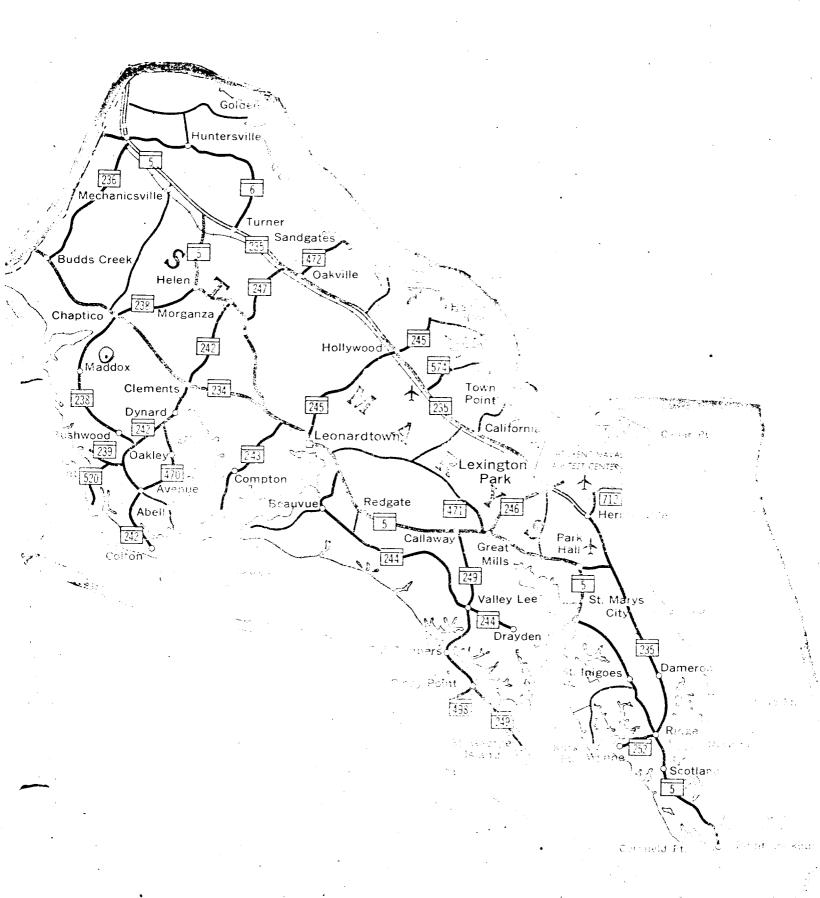
FIGURE 2. FRONT ELEVATION OF BACHELOR'S HOPE (AFTER WORTHINGTON 1931)

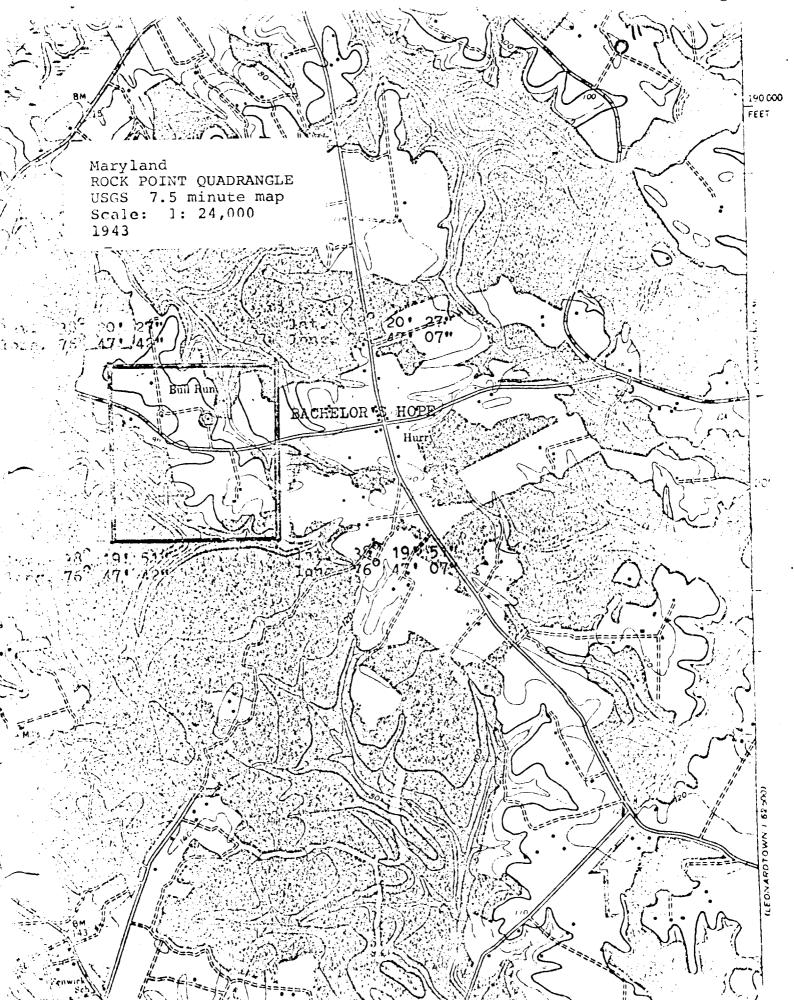
Batchelor's Hope -- Floor Plan scale: 1/8 - 1 drawn by Col. Walter L. Simpson



A PLOT PLAN OF BACHELOR'S THOPE CHAPTICO, ST. MARY'S CO. MD.

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